

Informational Hearing

**Seniors and Hunger:
Failing to Reach California's Vulnerable Elderly**

**August 14, 2012
Room 3191, 1:30 pm**

I. Opening remarks – Senator Carol Liu, Chair

II. Demographics of Senior Hunger in a Changed Economy

- **Deb Briceland-Betts**, Vice President, AARP Foundation, Washington DC
- **Craig Gundersen, PhD**, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois, *Co-author, "Senior Hunger in America 2010"*
- **Kerry Birnbach**, Nutrition Policy Advocate, California Food Policy Advocates
Author, "An Opportunity to Boost Senior Participation in CalFresh"

III. State Policies and New Directions

- **Will Lightbourne**, Director, Department of Social Services
- **Lora Connelly**, Director, California Department of Aging
- **Joe Cobery**, Executive Director, Area 3 Agency on Aging

IV. Gaps, Consequences and Innovations

- **Krista Lucchesi**, Director, Mercy Brown Bag Program, Oakland
- **Jerry Dunn**, Director, Sonoma County Human Services
- **Jessica Bartholow**, Legislative Advocate, Western Center on Law and Poverty

V. Public Comment